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NAIROBI FOR REDSO/EA

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TAGS: ETRN, MI, MZ, ZA

SUBJ: ZAMBIAN TRANSIT TRAFFIC VIA MALAWI

REF: BLANTYRE A-5, LUSAKA 895

1. MANAGER OF TRANSPORT AGENTS LTD (TAL) TOLD EMBOFF LEVEL ZAMBIA TRAFFIC DOWN FIRST FOUR MONTHS 1974 BUT INCREASING IN MAY. JANUARY THROUGH APRIL IMPORTS FELL FROM 12,000 TONS TO AVERAGE 8,000 AND ZAMBIA EXPORTS FROM 6,000 TONS TO 2,000. MAIN REASON FOR DROP IN IMPORTS WAS INABILITY RAILWAYS GET GOODS FROM PORT AT BEIRA. SHARP DROP EXPORTS DUE ZAMBIA NOT SENDING LEAD/ZINC VIA MALAWI; TAL MANAGER SAID ZAMBIA PROMISING START SHIPMENTS AGAIN THIS MONTH. SEASONAL TOBACCO SHIPMENTS FROM ZAMBIA ALSO ADDING 4,000 TONS/MO NEXT THREE MONTHS.

2. LOCAL SOURCES BELIEVE MAY 6 KAUNDA VISIT TO MALAWI RESULTED BANDA/KAUNDA AGREEMENT HANDLE 10,000 TONS/MO COPPER EXPORTS VIA MALAWI AND NACALA. THEY BELIEVE RAILWAY AND PORT  
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CAPABLE HANDLING THIS INCREASE IMMEDIATELY. MAJOR CURRENT

CONSTRAINT IS SHORTAGE OF VESSELS CALLING AT NACALA.

3. PORT AND HANDLING CHARGES BEIRA AND NACALA APPROX \$49 SHORT TON. BEIRA PORT STRIKE RESULTING WAGE INCREASE AND INCREASED CHARGES EFFECTIVE MAY 15. LOCAL AGENTS NOT YET INFORMED EXACT INCREASE BUT EXPECT ONE-THIRD. NACALA EXPECTED FOLLOW SUIT.

4. FOR REDSO: AVERAGE OF 140 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PER DAY CURRENTLY PASSING THROUGH TAL CHECKPOINT ON LILONGWE-MCHINJI ROAD. RAIL CHARGES SALIMA-NACALA PER SHORT TON CHEMICALS \$27; DIESEL FUEL \$25; AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS \$12; ZINC \$27. SALIMA-BEIRA 3 PERCENT HIGHER. ZAMBIA COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PAY \$2.45 ROAD SERVICE TAX IN MALAWI PLUS TRANSFER POINT HANDLING CHARGES.  
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